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1. On 10 November 1947 the Russian parachute unit quartered in Zatzschke (F-38) was issued wind-proof jackets, combat trousers, and lace-up boots. Light-blue collar patches piped with dark blue were provided for the wind-proof jackets. On 20 November 1947, twenty to twenty-two officers and approximately 420 men of this unit departed for Dresden-Klotzsche airfield in twenty trucks. This unit together with its transport was quartered in the former Air Fighting School at the Klotzsche airfield.

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2. On 5, 6 and 7 December 1947 these troops were taken for jump exercises north of Braken (A-21). Four old German transport machines

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3. The men were dropped at intervals of roughly four seconds and from a height of not more than 100 meters. The machines landed after dropping their passengers, picked them up, and returned them to Klotzsche. The exercise appeared to be purely a practice dropping, without any military exercises to follow. The troops landed adroitly, and there were no accidents on landing.

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